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# The World's Most Beautiful Canna "Rosemond Coles"



These cannas are grown here in Kokomo in our nurseries, in central Indiana in rich heavy soil and should not be confused with southern stock usually grown in sandy soil. Our bulbs are very large and plump averaging two to three strong eyes. We will also have several thousand after April 1, from three inch pots. Price on application.

We were fortunate a few years ago to be the originator of a sport from the President which we have named Rosemond Coles. It is considered by good judges to be the world's best and most beautiful canna. It has all the good points of its parent (the President) such as heavy texture of bloom, free flowering, and a splendid keeper through winter. It differs only in color. The upper petals are a rich glowing scarlet with a distinct yellow border, the under petals a beautiful canary yellow. It is the most beautiful and charming canna in cominence to-day. Don't fail to read the testimonials from a few that bought last spring 1931.

I would advise early ordering to prevent disappointment in case I am sold out of certain varieties. We had to return a number of checks last spring because of orders coming too late.

These prices are for good sound large roots. If not satisfied return roots or plants at our expense and we will return your money.

*Rosemond Coles*—The world's most beautiful canna already described. \$2.50 per dozen, \$16.00 per 100.

*The President*—Conceded by all canna growers to be the best scarlet or red. \$2.75 per 100, \$25.00 per 1000.

*King Humbert*—Considered to be the best bronze leaf variety with red flowers. \$2.75 per 100, \$25.00 per 1000.

*Yellow King Humbert*—Foliage dark green, flowers a deep rich yellow spotted with bright red. \$2.75 per 100, \$25.00 per 1000.

*Wintzer's Colossal*—One of the largest flowering reds, green foliage. \$2.00 per 100, \$18.00 per 1000.

*Souvenir de Antoine Crozy*—Scarlet flowers with yellow border, one of the dwarfest cannas. \$1.75 per 100, \$15.00 per 1000.

Four good new varieties. We offer these four sorts in small quantities.

*Commander Byrd*—Large cream white. \$3.00 per doz.

*Antoine Wintzer*—Tall crimson. \$3.00 per doz.

*Mrs. Herbert Hoover*—Watermelon pink, very fine and showy; one of the best. \$6.00 per doz.

*Mrs. Pierre Dupont*—Queen of bright pinks. \$3.00 per doz.

W. W. COLES, Kokomo, Ind.

*The following letters are ample proof of the delight and satisfaction  
of previous purchasers of "Rosemond Coles"*

PLEASE READ THEM ALL

Dear Mr. Coles:

The Rosemond Coles Cannas that you shipped to me early this Spring have been a continual source of pleasure to the writer all summer long.

These cannas were sprouted in sand in my little greenhouse, early, and set in the yard during May, were in bloom in June, and have continued in full bloom since. They are the most beautiful Cannas I have ever seen, and I am more than pleased with them.

Hundreds of neighbors, friends, florists and flower lovers from many sections of Ohio have visited my place and given you many compliments on this new creation.

I want you to know I am more than pleased.

With every good wish for your continued success, I am,

Yours very truly,

JUD YOHO.

Dear Mr. Coles:

Replying to your inquiry re Cannas, Rosemond Coles, that we had from you last spring, we think this is a wonderful variety. We grow about thirty different Cannas and this one in our opinion is the most showy of them all.

It is a very strong grower and although we did not get it planted in the field until June, it made very heavy clumps. We are going to have a show bed near our seed house next year, of this variety and as we are located at the intersection of the Lincoln Highway going west and Route 22 north and south, they will be seen by at least a few.

Very truly yours,

S. W. PIKE,

S. W. Pike, Seedsman, Inc.

Dear Mr. Coles:

In reply to your letter asking my opinion of Canna Rosemond Coles, I will say it has lived up to your description. A wonderful bloomer and a flower that attracts the eye. I am sorry I placed them all with one customer as it would have been better for next year's sales if they had been spread over a larger territory. A color plate would help.

Yours truly,

K. J. WINKLER.

Dear Mr. Coles:

There is no question about Rosemond Coles. It is all you claimed and a great deal more. Constantly in bloom and a plenty quality. It is the talk of Findlay. Mr. Fred Patterson of the National Lime and Stone is taking one doz. to Florida. It is a wonderful pot plant.

CHAS. E. ADAMS.

Dear Mr. Coles:

Your letter of Sept. 29/31 regarding your canna that you sent us has a wonderful future. It has come up to all expectations and did not lose an eye. It has been greatly admired, the colors well blended and do not fade in any way during the hot dry weather. It is an acquisition to the canna family and the orange and red blend to a great advantage. We are certainly well pleased with your sport from the President, everything in the way of the parent except a different color.

Yours truly,

WM. DAY,

Per St. Louis Wholesale Cut Flower Co.

Dear Mr. Coles:

Pursuant to yours of the 22nd instant wish to say that your new canna is as good as advertised.

It's an early bloomer, fine color combination and a good grower.

Respectfully yours,

Estate of A. L. MILLER,

Frederick Boschen, Executor,

By Fred Munz.

Dear Mr. Coles:

I want to take this opportunity to write to you concerning the bed of Rosemond Coles Cannas which we have growing in our factory grounds before the frost comes and we have forgotten the pleasure which we have had from this beautiful display of flowers.

We want you to know that we were more than pleased with our planting this year and hope that you will be able to use the same variety in our bed next summer.

Very truly yours,

F. T. McCURDY, *Supt.*,

Haynes Stellite Co.

Dear Mr. Coles:

Your Canna "Rosemond Coles" is even more beautiful than you represented it to be, its habit of growth, continuous rapidity in blooming during the hot summer months places it on par with the President or any canna I have in my collection, and I have the best. I would recommend it very highly to any one desiring to grow cannas.

Very sincerely yours,

ROBT. McCOWE.

Dear Mr. Coles:

Your new Canna Rosemond Coles surely is a good addition to the large flowering cannas.

Respectfully,

GUS OBERMEYER.

Dear Mr. Coles:

Rosemond Coles is a very good canna in my estimation, looking at its best in a mass planting, when color shows up very unusual and out of the ordinary.

Yours truly,

JOHN SUHR.

Dear Mr. Coles:

The Rosemond Coles Cannas are perfectly beautiful. Every one grew and the blooms are perfect in looks and size.

Respectfully,

W. W. ROST.

Dear Mr. Coles:

Concerning your Canna, Rosemond Coles, wish to say that it is the finest canna of its color I have ever seen. Any one that likes cannas will surely like this one. Stately stalks with marvelous heads of bloom of yellow and red naturally arranged in a way one cannot describe.

Thanking you,

Yours,

P. W. CHANCEY.

Dear Mr. Coles:

Your Canna Rosemond Coles which we bought the past spring has been a great success, filling a space where we needed it, in the way of color, and in every way pleasing us. A fine canna, good foliage, good flower, pleasing color. A canna sure of popularity.

HENRY CLIFFE, *Supt.*

Dept. of Public Parks, Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Mr. Coles:

Wish to say that we think your Canna Rosemond Coles a fine one. It came into bloom fully three weeks before the others and has made a fine show all summer and is in bloom at present. The plants made a very regular growth which makes a fine looking bed.

Had them planted near a bed of President and King Midas and it seems to us that they stack up better than either one of these.

Yours truly,

B. H. KAPLAN.